Curbing emission of smoke from Gov eminent vehicles

83. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the PRIME MINISER be pleased to state what steps have been taken by Goveinment recently to curb emission of deadly smoke from Government vehicles, especially the buses including those of the Delhi Transport Corporation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PRO GRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): The emission standards for all petrol and diesel driven vehicles notified in the Rules on 2.6.1989 under the Motor (Vehicles) Amendment Act, 1988 have come into force with effect from 1.3.1990. The Delhi Transport Corpor ation (DTC) has set up a comprehen sive action plan to reduce pollution and control smoke emission from Us bus?s. This action plan consists of: —

(i) Reducing smoke emission rate by tuning vehicle engines.

(ii) Acquiring buses fo'r replacement of over-aged buses from the active fleet.

(iii) Reducing overloading.

(iv) Introducing buses with fuel conservative engines.

(v) Equipping the Units with Smoke Meters for (monitoring smoke level of the fleet held at the Units.

Delhi Administration has launched a publicity campaign and initiated action on Government vehicles and buses *joi* the DTC to ensure that they meet the standards notified.

Clearance of Narmada Project

84. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be plea, sed to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that the I Minister of State for Environment and Forests had stated in a Press conference in Baroda that she was not aware of the Environmental clearance given by the Government to the Narmada Project and that the case has not been brought before her; i

(b) whether it is *a.* fact that the ■ Narmada Project was cleared in 1987 on all environmental aspects and that the project is being taken up by Gov ernment of Gujarat in 'right earnest; and

(c) whether Government propose to ssue clarification that the Narmada Project is a national project and that it will not be stopped under any circumstances?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME SMPLEMENTATION (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI); (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Narmada Sagar and Sardar Sarovar Projects were approved from the Environmental angle in 1987, with the proviso that requisite action plans will be prepared to be implemented pari passu with the engineering works. The progress made in the formulation of the environmental action plans is monitored bath by the Narmada Control Authority as well as its Sub-Group on Environment specially constituted for the purpose.

No special clarification is proposed to be issued as all development projects a're considered to be national projects.

Setintg up of National Defence Council

85. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to set up a National Defence Council;

(o) what would be the composition obody Hody; and

(c.) what would be the powers and responsibilities] ot the- said Council?

THE" MINISTER *OF* STATE IN THE MINISTRY'OF" DEFENCE (DR. RAJA,, BAMAMNAJf (a) The; Government propose, to. set up; a National Security Council (NSC)- under the Chairmanship, of Prime Minister to consider all. aspects.- of National secu'rity in a coordinated and comprehensive manner.

(by and : (c). The Government have net* takew view in this regard, so far.

Responsibilty of hnprementatlorr of educational programme

86; SHRI IT. ». BALARAM-.

■ SHRl GURUDAS DAs GUPTA;

Will the PRIME MINISTER he pleased to state:

(a), whether. Government^ attention- hawe. been drawn- to a report published in the Telegraph, of. 18th Eehruaiy* 1900, wherein, the.-view e*-pxes^a* by Br. P. L_. Malhotra, the outgoing Director of the National Council for Educational Research and Training (NCERT) that, the responsibility of implementing, educational programmes and distributing finances fOF various schemes should be given to States rather than concentrating this power in the hands of the Department of Education at the Centre; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and. Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISIER-: OF- STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE' MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN' THE - MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE.DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M. G. K. MENON):

(a) and. (b) This news, report has come to the notice of Government. State Governments to play an important role in implementing, educational programmes. In addition, the Education Department at the. Centre, also deals- with certain, aspects of: education including their financing^ such as. Central TJhiveKiitiesy Centrally sponsored schemes etc. The manner in which these; roles should be. harmoniously (fulfilled is one in which the Planning; Comrnissioa. is. significantly involved. ALL. these aspects will be looked into by the Committee being- set up tor review the; Natimal Polioy. om Education^ 1986

. Schemes for imparting training to Tnmren far Andhra Pradesh

87.. SHRI TALARI. MANOHAR! Will the PRIME MINISTER^ be pteasd-ed to state:

(a) ■ what is- the- manber of schemes launched' so far in Andhra Pradesh to impart trainnig to) the women of weaker, sections of society with a view to provide them, jobs on long-term basis; and

(h) wiiat is-the number of-women who have been probvide jobs after the training; so farim r

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF- SCIENCE. AND TECHNOLOGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): (a) and (b) Under the NORAD Scheme (Norweign Agency for International Development), 33 projects have so far been launched- in.- Andhra Pradesh involving 3370 Warner* as beneficiaries.

Under the Scheme of setting up of training centres for rehabilitation of women in distress,. 9 centres tO benefit 640 women have been sanctioned in the last 3 years and upto date.